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New York District

SAUQUOIT CREEK AT WHITESBORO, NY

Flood Damage Reduction Study

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The study area is approximately 90 miles west of Albany, New York in the Villages of Whitesboro, Yorkville, and New York Mills in the Town of Whitestown, New York. The study area lies along the lower section of Sauquoit Creek, a tributary of the Mohawk River. Frequent flooding occurs along Sauquoit Creek in the Village of Whitesboro due to both flows which exceed the existing channel's capacity, and ice jams which form in the stream's natural meanders and at bridges. The principal damage areas lie on the left bank of the waterway and include many residential, commercial, and institutional structures. The opportunities identified for this investigation were to reduce the flood hazard and urban damages from fluvial floods and ice jams while protecting the environment.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended: Flood damage prevention. The recommended plan consists primarily of channel modifications (widening, deepening, and realigning), and a high-stage diversion channel connecting Sauquoit Creek to the Mohawk River to allow water and ice, backed up from jams in the meandering channel downstream, to flow out of the damage areas. The diversion channel will be deferred for future study.

STATUS: The State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation has expressed its intent to sponsor the project, via letters dated 18 May 1993 and 26 January 1995. Verification was made that environmental and/or cultural mitigation requirements will not impact feasibility. A Value Engineering (V.E.) study was held to look at cost reduction. A meeting was held with representatives of the State, the Corps, Congressman Boehlert's staff, and the Town of Whitestown on 23 February 1999. The final VE recommendations were presented at the meeting along with their associated cost-savings. The NYS DEC and Whitesboro expressed its continued support in a letter dated 19 July 1999. The Plans and Specifications phase are presently 95% complete and the Corps and NYSDEC are presently coordinating permit actions and real estate acquisition so construction may begin in 2001.

PROJECT COST:

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| Estimated Federal Cost | \$4,199,000 |
| Estimated Non-Federal Cost | <u>\$1,338,000</u> |
| Total | \$5,537,000 |

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